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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF STODDARD APRIL 1st, 1886.

Resident Invoice,	\$139,178
Non-resident Invoice,	56,934
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TOTAL,	\$196.112

The State, County, Town, School and School-house taxes are assessed at the rate of \$1.20 on the hundred.

The amount required to be raised A. D. 1886 was as follows:—

State Tax,	\$420.00
County Tax,	381.39
Town Tax,	840.00
School Tax,	517.50
School-house Tax,	150.00
Highway Tax,	1,000.00
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	3,208.89

### RECEIPTS FOR 1886.

Received Cash in Treasury,	\$695.58
“ of Co. for support of poor,	679.63
“ of J. M. Rice, Collector 1885.	200.00
“ “ “ Interest on 1885 Tax.	5.05
“ “ “ Collector for 1886.	2,000.00
“ of Solan A. Carter, Savings Bank Tax.	534.43

Received of Solan A. Carter, Literary fund.	71.68
“ for use of Town Hall,	\$4.00
“ S. L. White, grass in old Cemetery	1.00
“ Selectmen of Nelson for School Property	8.08
“ L. Weeks, Highway Tax 1884,	3.60
“ Samuel Bentote, rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
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TOTAL,	\$4,204.25

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## Paid Principal and Interest on Town Notes.

Paid E. Stevens, principal,	\$500.00
“ “ “ interest,	250.00
“ of Wm. Dodge, interest,	20.00
“ Chastina Shedd,	44.00
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TOTAL,	\$814.00

## STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$420.00
“ Jerome E. Wright, county tax,	381.39
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TOTAL,	\$801.39

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J. M. Rice,	\$870.44
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## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Wm. H. Chase,	\$728.74
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## REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Wm. H. Chase,	\$157.00
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## REPAIRING HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES IN 1886.

Paid Spencer & Co.	\$10.09
" George R. Jefts,	3.75
" C. M. Lufkin, two plows,	37.00
" James H. Stevens,	5.96
" Wm. L. Abbott,	8.55
" Daniel Upton,	4.35
" Jonas Hadely,	9.62
" F. A. Whittemore,	8.33
" Wm. L. Abbott,	20.41
" F. E. Davis,	3.30
" G. H. Lane	5.35
" C. B. McLure	21.16
" C. O'Neil	4.78
" Wm. H. Thorning	9.10
" D. D. Sargent	3.75
" E. H. Tuttle	1.54
" N. D. Curtis	5.60
" C. P. Jefts	4.40
" George Richardson	3.94
" G. P. Fletcher	16.44
" F. L. Weeks	3.00
" R. J. Brown	5.80
" J. F. Whittemore,	14.15
" E. B. Gee,	1.72
" B. H. Griffiths, gravel	3.00
" E. Stevens	5.00
" H. W. Reed,	1.17
" G. H. Kiblin	3.61
" Gilman Stacy	12.85
" Wm. L. Abbott	6.03
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	\$243.75
" Non-resident highway tax worked out,	56.37
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Total,	\$300.12

## BREAKING ROADS IN 1886.

Paid Wm. H. Thorning, .....	\$3.75
" Daniel E. Swett, .....	3.00
" F. Knowlton, .....	2.55
" J. M. F. Thomas, .....	4.95
" Lund Barrett, .....	3.00
" Jonas Hadley, .....	1.60
" S. L. White, .....	1.00
" Wm. L. Abbott, .....	2.78
" Daniel Upton, .....	6.25
" Geo. R. Jefts, .....	4.20
" C. P. Jefts, .....	4.00
" Geo. Richardson, .....	9.30
" O. D. Beaverstock, .....	11.75
" John Scott .....	1.95
" Frank L. Weeks, .....	2.10
" Joseph Sweeney, .....	1.20
" James D. Cutter, .....	12.26
" Geo. H. Kiblin, .....	2.00

TOTAL,

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\$77.64

## BREAKING ROADS IN 1887.

Paid James H. Stevens, .....	\$1.20
" Geo. Richardson, .....	7.46
" John Scott, .....	10.05
" J. L. Reed, .....	2.85
" C. X. Cutter, .....	5.55
" James E. Reed, .....	5.70
" Riley Barett, .....	1.60
" James D. Cutter, .....	7.57
" H. E. Proctor, .....	1.05
" N. D. Curtis, .....	27.45
" F. A. Whittemore, .....	11.75
" F. S. Reed, .....	1.05



Paid George W. Upton, .....	\$14.53
" G. H. Kiblin, .....	3.00
" Charles Stanford, .....	.90
" Joseph Sweeney, .....	3.97
" J. F. Whittemore, .....	7.21
" Louis Charon, .....	1.20
" R. J. Brown, .....	1.87
" W. L. Abbott, .....	10.47
" Gilman Stacy, .....	5 70
" Daniel Stacy, .....	5.55
Total, .....	<u>\$137.68</u>

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Howe & Son, printing and express on Reports, .....	\$10.00
" W. H. Spalter, stationery, .....	4.00
" J. F. Whittemore, wood for hall, .....	3.50
" Batchelder & Falkner, term fees, .....	24.00
" Abbott & Hersey, .....	2.00
" M. Perkins, returning births & deaths .....	2.25
" W. L. Abbott, watering tub, .....	3.00
" Tax bills & postage for Col., .....	3.64
" F. S. Reed, pens. postage & expenses, .....	2.04
" J. F. Whittemore, for surveys on town lines, .....	2.50
Total, .....	<u>56.93</u>

### DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Paid Lucy Stacy, .....	3.00
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### SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. B. Dodge, }	Board of	\$10.00
" W. H. Chase, }	Education.	10.00
" W. W. Robb, }		5.00
" George F. Bailey, }	Supervisors	\$4.00
" W. H. Chase, }		5.00
" J. F. Whittemore, }		\$53.00
" Daniel D. Sargent, }	Selectmen,	34.50
" Frederic S. Reed, }		37.00

Paid E. Stevens, Treasurer, .....	\$25.00
“ J. M. Rice, Collector, .....	30.00
“ “ “ Overseer of poor, .....	25.00
“ J. F. Whittemore, Town Clerk, .....	25.00
Total, .....	<u>\$293.50</u>

## TAXES ABATED.

On Collector's book of 1885, .....	\$39.60
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## AMOUNT OF TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

E. Stevens, Int from Jan. 1st, .....	\$5,000.00
Chastina Shedd, Int. from Jan. 1st, .....	1,100.00
William Dodge, .....	500.00
Total, .....	<u>7,600.00</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

SELECTMEN,	Dr.
To funds received from all sources, .....	4,204.25
SELECTMEN,	Cr.
By amount paid on town notes, .....	\$814.00
“ State and county taxes, .....	801.39
“ Support of poor, .....	870.44
“ Support of Schools, .....	728.74
“ Repairing School-houses, .....	157.00
“ Highways and bridges, .....	300.12
“ Breaking roads, .....	215.32
“ Miscellaneous expenses, .....	56.93
“ Damage done by dogs, .....	3.00
“ Town Officers, .....	293.50
Total, .....	<u>\$4,240.44</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Due on town notes, .....	\$7,600.00
“ J. M. Rice, outstanding order, .....	80.28
Total, .....	<u>\$7,680.28</u>

## ASSETS.

Due from O. H. Robb, Col. for 1883	\$27.12
“ from J. M. Rice, “ 1884,	22.69
“ “ “ “ 1885,	104.52
“ “ “ “ 1886	690.28
“ “ Moses Stanfield, rent,	3.00
“ “ County for support of poor,	244.15
“ “ J. M. Rice on Col. book 1882,	4.54
“ On Col. books for 1875 and 1876,	427.58
“ Jonas Taylor, rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
“ E. Stevens, Treasurer. ....	44.09
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Total Assets, ....	\$1,569.17
Total Liabilities, ....	\$7,680.28
Total Assets, ....	1,569.17
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Total Indebtedness, ..	\$6,111.11
Amount of town debt reported 1886,	\$6,473.14
“ “ “ “ 1887,	6,111.11
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Reduction of debt, .....	\$362.03
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,	

J. F. Whittemore,	} Selectmen of Stoddard.
Daniel D. Sargent,	
Frederick S. Reed,	

## Treasurer's Report.

I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Stoddard, for the year ending March 1st. 1887.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1st. 1886. \$695.58



Received of J. M. Rice, Taxes for 1886,	2,000.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1885	200.00
“ “ “ “ Int. on Taxes 1885,	5.05
Received of County support of poor,	\$679.63
“ “ S. A. Carter Saving Bank Tax	534.43
“ “ S. A. Carter Literary Fund,	71.68
“ “ L. Weeks, Highway Tax,	3.60
“ for Rent on Tyler lot, .....	1.20
“ “ Grass on Cemetery, .....	1.00
“ “ Use of Town Hall, .....	4.00
“ of Town of Nelson, School Property,	8.08
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>\$4,204.25</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of Selectmen

for support of Schools, .....	\$728.74
“ “ Repairs of “ Houses, ....	157.00
“ “ Highways and Bridges, .....	300.12
“ “ Breaking Roads in 1887, .....	137.68
“ “ “ “ 1886, .....	77.64
“ Principal & Interest on Town Notes,	814.00
“ S. A. Carter; State Tax, .....	420.00
“ County Tax, .....	381.39
“ for Support of Poor, .....	790.16
“ “ Services of Town Officers, .....	293.50
“ “ Miscellaneous Expenses, .....	56.93
“ “ Damage done by Dogs, .....	3.00
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>\$4,160.16</b>

Total amount of Receipts for the year ending

March 1st, 1887, .....	\$4,204.25
“ “ “ Disbursements, .....	\$4,160.16

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1887 . \$44.09

E. STEVENS, TREASURER.

## OVERSEER'S REPORT.

Statemement of the expenses of the Town of Stoddard, for the support of poor for the year ending March 1st, 1887.

Paid aid for Amanda M. Wells, Co. charge,	\$69.50
" " Emeline L. Woods, "	112.35
" " Frank L. Thurston, "	109.40
" " Norman A. Howe, "	39.78
" " Luther Thomas, "	8.86
" " George Dare, "	87.41
" " Erastus D. Loveland, "	14.25
" " A. H. Waldron & family, "	143.61
" " John Barron & Wife, "	102.53
" " Mrs. Antoine Drinkwine, "	34.50
" " Alfred Beckwith, Town charge,	130.00
" " Henry P. Cilley, "	10.00
" " Samuel A. Ryder, "	5.00
" " 5 Tramps, "	3.25
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Whole amount paid out, .....	\$870.44
County charge, .....	\$722.19
Town charge, .....	148.25
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TOTAL, .....	\$870.44
Have received of Treasurer, .....	\$790.16
" " Town order, .....	80.28
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\$870.44	

J. M. RICE, OVERSEER.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow citizens:—

THE close of another year and the commencing of the new, reminds us that to you is due another report of our doings in the past. Realizing that to us has been entrusted much that is of vital importance to you as residents of this town or citizens of the world at large, we greatly regret our lack of ability to discharge the duties incumbent on us to our own satisfaction, and therefore shall not be surprised if YOUR expectations have not been fully realized. Realizing, however, that our schools have been fairly successful, that parents and scholars have generally done well, that the teachers have been well qualified for their positions and labored heartily and honestly, and feeling sure that the best of teachers are always the cheapest, we do claim that the standing of our schools is in advance of the past.

We found it advisable to have five schools in town the past year, but hope that four, and perhaps three, will accommodate all demands for 1887. Through your grant of last year for repairs, the interior of the school-house near J. M. Rice's has been made comfortable, some improvements have been made at South Stoddard, a little mending was done on the house near A. Davis', and a little improvement on the one at the Center. There is still needed repairs at South Stoddard; at the Center general repairs to exterior and interior of house and out-buildings will have to be done before it is fit to use either in cold or warm weather. The house near A. Davis' we think may not be needed this season, and the one at the Mill Village and the one near Lund Barrett's not being used are fast going to decay. The plan adopted three



years since for dividing the school money was followed this past year. Schools have been kept as follows:—

At the Center the first term was taught by Miss Nancy Bragg, 40 scholars, 8 weeks. This school made good progress and Miss Bragg's qualifications were above the average. No text books were used by the teacher at the examination, which was very thorough. The scholars knew what they were talking about. The second term of 12 weeks, 39 scholars, and the 3d term of 8 weeks, 26 scholars, was taught by Miss E. J. Naham who is too well known in this vicinity to need any lengthy comments; suffice it for us to report that she fully sustained her reputation for teaching. No school could be more prompt at an examination, and the progress of the scholars was a surprise to many.

The school near Mr. Jefts', 1st term, 9 weeks, 19 scholars, and 2nd term, 10 weeks, 16 scholars, were taught by Miss Kate Brown. who is every inch of pure metal. I don't know how this school could have been bettered.

The school near A. Davis', 1st term 8 weeks, 10 scholars, was taught by Miss Mary E. Hilton, who is a veteran in the service and kept a good school, but her register is useless so far as reporting from that is concerned.

The 2nd term, 12 weeks, 11 scholars, was taught by Miss Ellen C. Downing, who succeeded nicely, and the examination showed good progress.

The school at South Stoddard, 1st term, 8 weeks, 20 scholars, was taught by Miss Mabel Estabrooks, whose only failure was in being too lenient so far as the deportment of a few of her scholars was concerned. Second term, 11 weeks, 21 scholars, was in charge of Miss Abbie D. Piper, who kept a good school and maintained good discipline. Under more favorable circumstances more progress in the studies pursued would have been probable.

The school near J. M. Rice's, 1st term, 12 weeks, 10 scholars, 2nd term, 8 weeks, 8 scholars, were both taught by Miss Mabel Estabrooks. Whether it was the improved condition of the school room, the scholars, or the teacher, that made

so marked a change in this school we know not; we think all must have helped; one thing is certain, this school showed a remarkable degree of progress and improvement in every particular at its close.

On the "Roll of Honor" I find the names of the following scholars for 1886:—

Hellen L. Reed, Alice Cutter, Blanche L. Dodge, Myra L. Dodge, Hellen A. Robb, L. Augusta Dodge, Emma E. Cutter, Clara M. Dodge, Anna B. Jefts, Mabel S. Thomas, Addie C. Thomas, Mattie M. Thomas, Festina R. Darling, Francenia Blanchard, Mary L. Charon, Ella M. Stevens, Hattie C. Taylor, Flossie M. Goodwin, Mary C. Dare, Emma F. Dodge, Charley E. Dodge, Everett E. Scott, Lewis H. Dodge, Arthur Cutter, Geo. E. Dodge, Thomas Walker, Robbie Walker, Charles A. Whittemore, Eugene W. Robb, John W. Thomas, Fred E. Atwood, George A. Goodwin, Eddie C. Taylor, Abbie O. Taylor, Martin Barrett, Walter J. Cutter, Clement H. Reed, Fred D. West, Fred L. Abbott, George A. Cheney, Albert H. Holland, Wallace Dodge, Weston J. Dodge.

Of the higher English branches taught in our schools the past year we find Physiology, Natural Philosophy, Rhetoric, History, Algebra, Zoology, Book-keeping, and "Common Things." The total absence of school apparatus is to be regretted, and a supply of charts and maps is a necessity.

Bespeaking liberal appropriations for the schools in the future, and your hearty co-operation with your "School Board," I tender you my sincere thanks for many favors received, and resign my position on "Board of Education" with no abatement of interest in our schools and confident that "Excelsior" will ever be your motto.

EDWARD B. DODGE, SUP. OF SCHOOLS.  
Stoddard, Fed. 26th 1887.

## Treasurer's Report

IS AS FOLLOWS:

I find by the report of your Treasurer of last year, money unexpended as follows:

In his hands, .....	\$ 7.07
In the Town Treasury, .....	46.56
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TOTAL, .....	\$53.63

I have received of the Town Treasurer, which includes the Literary Fund, the sum of \$728.74

Rec'd of Edward B. Dodge, .....	7.07
“ of one of the Teachers for a book, ..	.30
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TOTAL,	\$736.11
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I have expended for schools and school purposes the sum of .....

723.32

Balance in favor of district, .....	12.79
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### ON ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS.

Amount raised last year, .....	\$150.00
“ before in the Treasurer, .....	7.00
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Total, .....	\$157.00
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Repairs have been made on all the houses where schools have been kept the past year. I have expended for labor, lumber, and other materials, ....

149.15

Balance unexpended, .....	7.85
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W. H. CHASE,

Treasurer of the District.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted by

E. B. Dodge,	}	Board of Education.
W. W. Robb,		
W. H. Chase,		

Stoddard, Feb. 26, 1887.







